Aurora Borealis appeared vertically, ſhooting Rays of all Colours around, which turned to a very deep red Colour.

LV.

Part of a Letter from the Rev. Henry Miles, *D. D. F. R. S. to Mr.* H. Baker, *F. R. S. concerning the* Earthquake *felt on* Sept. 30. 1750.

Tooting, October 30. 1750.

Read Nov. 1. 1750.

A Worthy Friend, the Rev. Mr. *Daniel Goodrich*, who liveth at *Oundle* in *Northamptonſhire*, has ſent me an Account of the Earthquake felt in that and the neighbouring Counties, on *Sept.* 30th, at 12 ½ at Noon.

He informs me, that he was then at *Uppingham* in *Rutlandſhire*, ſitting in a Room intent on writing and thinking, when he was ſurpriſed with a Sound very ſtrong and awful; which, at the firſt Moment, made him think of the rattling of a Coach upon the Pavement: But this Apprehenſion was immediately corrected by ſomewhat very different in the Sound, and raiſed in him an Idea of the craſhing of a falling Houſe. He felt himſelf in a very ſhaking way: The Table at which he ſat ſhivered, and the Windows of the Room jarred: But he did not think of an Earthquake, till the People of the Houſe came into the Room, and told him what had happened. Some Slates were ſhaken off the Houſes, and in one Houſe the Hammer of a Clock ſtruck the Bell: Some Chimnies were thrown down; many talked of a ſenſible

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ſenſible Heaving of the Ground: But, he ſays, he is credibly informed, that, in one Houſe in that County, the Mud Floor was cracked not a little in three or Four Places. In one Houſe, in the Town of *Uppingham*, where two Men and a Woman were ſitting, upon the Approach of the Sound (tho' they had no Thought of an Earthquake), the Men could hardly draw their Breath in the Houſe; but were immediately obliged to go out for freſh Air; but the Woman felt no Diſorder. My Friend adds, that attentive Obſervers apprehended the Sound to have moved from the N. to the S. or from N. W. to S. E. and that himſelf had the ſame Apprehenſion; and that, according to his preſent Intelligence, the whole Shock was felt in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Leiceſter*, *Nottingham*, *Rutland*, and *Lincoln*, affecting a Tract of the County of about 60 Miles in Length, and as much in Breadth. I have given you the Account in his own Words, with very ſmall Variation.

LVI.

A Letter from the Rev. Mr. John Nixon, *F. R. S. to the* Preſident, *ſerving to accompany a Letter from Mr.* William Smith *to Mr.* Nixon, *giving a very particular Account of the* Earthquake *felt on* Sept. 30. 1750.

SIR, *Higham, November 8.*

Read Nov. 15. 1750. THIS waits upon you with a Letter I have juſt received from *Peterborough*. I hope the Veracity of my Correſpondent, who